(च) क्या इस भेदभाव के बारे में संघ लोक सेवा आयोग तथा कार्मिक विभाग से परामर्श किया गया था; और

(छ) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है और यदि नहीं, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी. उपेन्द्र) : (क) और (ख) इस समय ग्रेड-II के अंग्रेजी और हिंदी स्टेनोग्राफरों की वरिष्ठता सूचियां अलग-अलग हैं । अंग्रेजी और हिंदी के स्टेनोग्राफरों के भर्ती नियम भी अलग-अलग हैं और पदोन्नतियां इन नियमों के प्रावधानों के अनुसार की जाती हैं । वरिष्ठ वैयक्तिक सहायक के पदों पर पदोन्नति वर्तमान नियमों के अनुसार की जाती है ।

(ग) और (घ) चौथे वेतन आयोग की सिफारिश का कार्यरूप देने के परिणामस्वरूप स्टेनोग्राफर ग्रेड-I के पदों को ऊंचा करके वरिष्ठ वैयक्तिक सहायक बना दिया गया था । ये पद भर्ती नियमों के प्रावधानों के अनुसार भरे जा रहे हैं और इसमें राजभाषा नीति का कोई उल्लंघन नहीं किया गया है ।

(ङ) से (छ) विदेशी रेडियो केन्द्रों द्वारा समाचारों के प्रसारण का अनुश्रवण समाचार सेवा प्रभाग के मानिटरिंग रिपोर्टरों द्वारा किया जाता है जो वरिष्ठ वैयक्तिक सहायक के पदों से पदोन्नत किये जाते हैं । इस बारे में कोई भेदभाव नहीं किया जाता क्योंकि ये पदोन्नतियां अधिसूचित भर्ती नियमों के प्रावधानों के अनुसार की जाती हैं ।

Malpractice by a Firm in the repair of vessel IWT, Patna

3198. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Inquiry Officer who conducted the probe into the question of gross malpractices in the repair of the vessel of the IWT, Patna Zone by a firm owned by one Shri Dilip Roy of Calcutta under the style of M/s. A. C. Roy and Company and R. D. Enterprises, had passed strictures against officers of the Patna Zone and the IWT Directorate of the Ministry and the above firm; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the above firm still continues to be the sole repairer of the vessels of the IWT, Patna though it has no docking arrangements worth the name; and

(c) if so, whether Government propose to furnish the details of the repair work being allotted to M/s. Dilip Roy and Company indicating the action taken against the officers involved for allotting the work to the above concern ignoring several Government owned workshops including the one giant workshop of CIWTC?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) An equiry was conducted with a view to finding out whether any irregularities were committed by the Regional Office of the erstwhile IWT Directorate, Patna, in awarding jobs for repairs of vessels to various firms including M/s. A. C. Roy & Co., Calcutta and M/s. R. D. Enterprises, Calcutta wherein Shri Dilip Kumar Roy had a partnership. The enquiry had revealed that while there were procedural irregularities, taking the overall position of expenditure and repairs, no serious damage had been done and that the responsibility could not be fixed on any particular officers.

(b) No, Sir. There are a number of other repairers who have carried out repair work of IWAI vessels. The firms quoted by the Hon'ble Member are amongst those who are, however, technically qualified as they have got the repair facilities as required for

small inland vessels, barges, launches, tugs, etc.

(c) M/s. Dilip Roy & Co. has not been awarded any repair work by the IWAI. The IWAI have intimated that with regard to repair work identified to be done during 1989 they had floated tender enquiries to 33 firms. 16 firms including the Public Sector Undertakings, M/s. Rajabagan Dockyard, CIWTC, M/s. Hoogly Dock and Port Engineers Ltd., M/s. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Ltd. and M/s. Shalimar Works Ltd. had responded. The tender forms for the works were issued to 15 out of 16 firms, since one firm was under lockout. However, only 3 offers were received on the due date of opening. M/s. Hoogly Dock & Port Engineers, Rajabagan Dockyard, CIWTC, Garden Reach Workshop, etc., did not send their offers by the due date. Based on the Tender Committee evaluation and recommendation, the works were awarded on the basis of lowest acceptable tender to two parties, namely (i) M/s. R. D. Enterprises, Calcutta for dry docking repairs of vessel, S L Survekshak and S L Ghogra and (ii) M/s. B. N. Bose & Co., Calcutta for Dry docking repairs of vessel ML Bahika.

Murders during GNLF movement

3199. SHRI RATNA BAHADUR RAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) what was the number of murders that took place during the G.N.L.F. movement in Darjeeling from the first quarter of 1986 to the date of Tripartite Agreement i.e. 22nd August, 1988;

(b) whether Government have provided any financial help (ex-gratia) to the families of those murdered. and

(c) if so, what is the amount thereof and the number of beneficiaries thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Centralising the D.E.T. in Bardhaman District in West Bengal

3200. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to centralise the D.E.T. in Bardhaman district in West Bengal;

(b) if so, whether Government are aware of the consequential inconveniences; and

(c) if so, whether Government would prefer to retain the present system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) The D.E.T., Bardhaman will continue to function from Bardhaman. He will be responsible for all operational activities, including development, as at present. The Telecom. revenue and certain administrative functions, which form part of the Telecom. District Manager's Office would function from the TDM's office at Asansol.

(b) and (c) Only a section of the staff numbering about 30, would be affected. This movement, which should have been done few years back, has to be completed so that the Asansol Secondary Switching Area functions in the desired manner. This is in conformity with the All India Policy adopted by the department.

Problems of Prisoners

3201. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the rules and regulations made